

**Via the FCC ECFS: Office of the Secretary**

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**In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Office of the Secretary,

As Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel of America's Public Television Stations (APTS), the membership organization that represents our nation's 350 public television stations, I am writing to nominate Dr. Laura G. Hunter ([LAURA.HUNTER@UTAH.EDU](mailto:LAURA.HUNTER@UTAH.EDU), 801-581-5852), to serve as a representative of eligible schools and America's Public Television Stations on the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company.

We nominate Dr. Hunter to represent APTS and our member public television station licensees, many of which are schools, as the Representative for Schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules.

Dr. Hunter currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) and station manager for public media station KUEN. This is a statewide role, serving over 650,000 public education students and approximately 1,400 schools, 80 public libraries and 70 rural health clinics that are connected to the UETN broadband network. Dr. Hunter is a licensed public educator and professor of education. She has received multiple awards in recognition of her contribution to the intersection of education and media, and throughout her career, she has demonstrated keen knowledge and skill for technology and media, access to broadband, and technology-delivered educational content. Based on this commitment, Dr. Hunter has a strong desire to see the expansion of broadband connectivity and access, particularly in tribal and rural areas without sufficient broadband connectivity.

Dr. Hunter is a strong proponent for advancing and expanding universal service in our country. She has extensive professional experience in multiple roles that make her well suited to USAC Board responsibilities. She has served as a Board Member for the Education Affinity Group for Public Television since March 2007. Further, Dr. Hunter's experience includes service on the Executive Board of the National Educational Telecommunications Association, Advisory Board and Writing Committee for the Utah Digital Teaching and Learning Master Plan, and Co-Principal Investigator on three cyber-infrastructure grants administered by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Hunter also presently serves as Chair of the Utah Futures Executive Steering Committee, appointed by Governor Gary R. Herbert.

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APTS appreciates the mission of USAC, and we believe that Dr. Hunter's work and goals align with this mission. We believe that her experiences and accomplishments will help her serve with distinction as a member of the Board of Directors, and that she is uniquely invested in providing everyone in the United States with accessibility to affordable and ubiquitous high-speed broadband connectivity. Thus, with our highest recommendation, we nominate Dr. Laura Hunter to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for USAC.

Attached are the biographical description and the resume of Dr. Hunter. Please contact me if you need any additional information (202-654-4215).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lonna Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lonna" and last name "Thompson" clearly legible.

Lonna Thompson  
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer  
and General Counsel